

Yinwum dialect

Yinwum is an extinct Paman language formerly spoken on the Cape York Peninsula of Queensland, Australia, by the Yinwum people. It is unknown when it became extinct.^[3] Historically, it underwent some unusual phonological changes that are difficult to classify and understand in phonetic terms.

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	Peripheral		Laminal		Apical	
	Bilabial	Velar	Palatal	Dental	Alveolar	Retroflex
Nasal	m	ŋ	ɲ	ɳ	n	
Prenasalised stop	ⁿ p	ⁿ k	ⁿ c	ⁿ t̪	ⁿ t ⁿ tˠ	
Plosive	p	k	c	t̪	t tˠ	
Fricative	β	ɣ		ð		
Vibrant					r	
Approximant	w		j		l	ɭ

/ⁿtˠ/ and /tˠ/ are post-trilled consonants (trilled affricates).

Vowel Phonemes

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	Yinwum
Native to	Australia
Region	Cape York Peninsula, Queensland
Ethnicity	Yinwum, ?Nyuwathayi
Extinct	(date missing)
Language family	Pama–Nyungan - Paman - North Cape York - Northern - Uradhi Yinwum
Dialects	Njuwadhai?
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	yxm
Glottolog	yinw1236 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/yinw1236) ^[1]
AIATSIS ^[2]	Y29 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/australian-language/Y29)

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>High</u>	i	u
<u>Mid</u>	e	
<u>Low</u>	a	

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